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Burlington Begins Architectural Survey Update with Grant Funds from NC State Historic Preservation Office.

Burlington, **NC** Burlington's Historic Architecture is about to get a closer look. The City of Burlington and the City's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), in partnership with hmwPreservation, a Durham, North Carolina-based cultural resources consulting firm, and the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, is initiating an Architectural Survey Update (ASU) for a section of the City that is bordered by South Church Street, Tarleton Avenue, and West Webb Avenue.

For more information on the ASU go to www.BurlingtonNC.gov/HistoricBurlington.

The ASU will document historically significant properties in the designated study area built before 1970 – updating and adding to documentation prepared in 1982 and 1991, in which buildings constructed before 1940 were the focus. The ASU is an important step to providing pathways for further restoration and preservation of the historic structures in the community, ensuring continued access to State and Federal tax credits. Results of the survey will include recommendations for listing eligible properties in the National Register of Historic Places, either individually or as a district, a designation that makes property owners potentially eligible for state and federal tax credits for certified historic rehabilitations.

The ASU is funded by a 2020 federal Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant for Certified Local Governments (CLG) from the National Park Service (NPS), administered by the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (HPO) of the Office of Archives and History. The grant award was \$24,000 and the City of Burlington contributed \$6,000 for a total project budget of \$30,000. The City has hired hmwPreservation to complete the project. Heather Slane, principal of the firm, is the Project Manager.

Ms. Slane will join staff from Burlington's Planning Department for a virtual Open House informational meeting to discuss the scope of work and to answer residents' questions. The meeting will be held on April 14, 2021 at 6:00pm via ZOOM and will be accessible online or by phone.

- Zoom Link: https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88907153746
- Call-into Meeting: +1(301)715-8592 / Webinar ID: 889 0715 3746

Members of the hmwPreservation consultant team will be conducting field work between April 1 and August 31, 2021. All field work will be conducted within the public Right-of-Way. Residents can expect to see a two-person team taking pictures and notes. They will be carrying ID and will not be stepping onto private property. If residents choose to speak with the team, please follow COVID-19 social distancing protocol.

Updates on the project will be available at www.BurlingtonNC.gov/HistoricBurlington.

For more information on the City of Burlington Architectural Survey Update, contact Jamie Lawson, AICP, Principal Planner, at <u>ilawson@burlingtonnc.gov</u> or 336-380-7064.

Architectural Survey Update – Study Area Map W. Webb Ave. Plant St. W. Webb Ave. Askew St. W. Webb Ave. Burlington Tarleton Ave. Tarleton Ave. Tarleton Ave. S. Church St. S. Church St. S. Church St.

Map of area of the study area

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